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Scaffolding Surrounds Northeast Corner of Idaho Capitol Building, Masonry/Mortar Repair Begins This Week on Statehouse Exterior

Workmen secure scaffolding apparatus surrounding the northeast corner area of the Idaho State Capitol Building. The last time scaffolding was attached to the Building's exterior was in 1992, for extensive repair work on the east side of the North Wing following the Statehouse Fire.



The sound of jackhammers will be replaced by less intrusive noisemaking equipment this week as masonry construction experts use special saws to cut, chip, and scrape mortar needing repair between the Statehouse Building's exterior stonework. TMC Inc., masonry contractors of Boise, had to meet certain qualifications to do the restorative work, according to **Jan Frew**, Design and Construction Manager, Division of Public Works.

Scaffolding was put up this past weekend and will remain in the northeast quadrant of the Capitol Building through the end of September as masonry repair work continues. As crews work on a certain section of the building's exterior, using saws and other equipment to chip and scrape mortar, **temporary protective covers will be placed over windows** to lessen any potential glass breakage. This will mean that as windows are covered, incoming **natural light will be temporarily reduced**.

Once exterior work is completed in the northeast section, construction crews will move the scaffolding apparatus to the southeast quadrant of the east wing. Frew says planners for this phase of the restoration anticipate it taking until next spring to work their way around the entire Capitol Building. Infrastructure work continues on the east steps, following removal last week of all the concrete rubble.

Inquiries, comments on the Restoration effort can be sent to Diane Garcia dgarcia@adm.state.id.us

(In an effort to help Statehouse employees plan their work week with ongoing construction activities, Renewal News Construction Updates, prepared by the Department of Administration, will be issued weekly with as much information as possible on work schedules, planned construction activity, etc. We appreciate your patience during our Capitol Restoration effort. If you have questions regarding this newsletter, contact Pat Wynn, Communications Manager, 332-1827 or pwynn@adm.state.id.us)